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Grant Applications for Programs Addressing Victims of Sexual Assault Currently Being Accepted

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund (SAVAF) Grants are currently being accepted. Those interested in applying can do so thru 11:59 p.m. on May 11, 2016.

Established in 2015 by the Indiana General Assembly, SAVAF Grants are designed to provide direct support to victims of sexual assault using trauma informed services. Trauma informed services are victim centered care that addresses the physical, psychological and emotional needs of sexual assault victims. Additionally, funds can be used to establish or maintain rape crisis centers, or enhance services to victims at rape crisis centers, already established. The SAVAF Grant is funded primarily by revenue collected from sexual assault related crime fees.

Eligible applicants and those who can apply for the SAVAF Grant are nonprofit, nongovernmental rape crisis centers, nonprofits that have staff specifically trained to work with sexual assault victims, and governmental rape crisis centers not part of the criminal justice system.

SAVAF grant applications are accepted through the Egrants online application process, found at <https://egrants.cji.in.gov>. Applicants must be registered in Egrants, and first time registrants can visit the Egrants website and click on the Register button located on the front page. Failure to register will prevent applicants from obtaining access to the application system and registration could take several days for first time registrants. ICJI is not responsible for applicants who fail to submit a timely application due to technical difficulties that occur within 48 hours of the deadline. Late and/or incomplete applications and applications submitted through any means other than Egrants, will not be considered for funding.

For more information regarding Indiana's statewide resources available to assist victims of crime, please visit: www.IN.gov/CJI, and click on the victim services link. For those needing technical assistance with submitting an application, the Egrants Helpdesk is available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm ET, and can be reached at CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov. An Egrants manual is also available, and can be found at <http://www.in.gov/cji/2375.htm>.

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